

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors – Tompkins County SWCD
April 11, 2016
170 Bostwick Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

Present: David McKenna, Dan Carey, Alan Teeter, Aaron Ristow, Jim Dennis
Staff: Jon Negley, Kym Jackson, Paul Gier
Agencies: Pat Barry, NRCS,
Guests: Barry Goodrich, Ivan Ristow

Dan Carey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. A quorum was present.

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Alan Teeter arrived at 3:33pm. Everyone present introduced themselves to Ivan Ristow.

Alan Teeter moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dave McKenna seconded. No discussion. Carried.

Pat Barry, NRCS arrived at 3:35pm.

Reports of Other Agencies:

Pat Barry, NRCS distributed and read their written report and it is attached. There were no additional written reports provided.

Financial Report:

A. Ristow moved to approve the financial reports for the month of February. A. Teeter seconded. Jon reviewed the increase in EPF funding from the approved NYS Budget. A vote was taken and the financial reports were approved. Motion Carried.

D. McKenna moved to approve the April, 2016 Vouchers. J. Dennis seconded. A vote was taken and the vouchers listed in the Board Packet were approved. Motion Carried.

The NYS Ag & Markets deficit repayment amount for 2016 was discussed. J. Dennis made a motion for a verbal resolution to approve a \$23,000.00 NYS Ag & Markets deficit payment for 2016, A. Ristow seconded. A vote was taken and the payment amount for 2016 of \$23,000.00 was approved. The payment will be reflected in April's Abstract at next month's BOD meeting.

Staff/Project Reports:

Paul Gier and Angel Hinickle provided written reports and they are attached. In addition, Paul Gier showed before and after photographs of Cal Snow's covered laneway project which was recently completed. He is currently working on NYS Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement Control Grant Program Round 21. A plan is being designed and the information and contract amount will be reviewed. Paul departed the meeting.

Pat Barry departed the meeting at 4:15pm.

Old Business

- Remaining with the District's current email /website service supplier was discussed versus moving the services to the County ITS Department. Jon will create a cost comparison and a resolution for the next Board Meeting.

- The District's STAIEP Contract Forms were reviewed. Jon has also sent the Landowner Agreement Form to Mr. Wood at the County Attorney's Office for his review and approval.
- Approval of ranking forms for FLOWPA projects was tabled until the next BOD meeting.

New Business:

- Resolution #2016-22 –Entering into contract with Hydrilla herbicide applicator. D. McKenna made the motion to approve, A. Ristow seconded. James Balyszak reviewed the funding and the bid results for Hydrilla treatment with the Board. A vote was taken and the adoption of Resolution No. 2016-22 was accepted. Motion carried.
- Hiring of Hydroseeding employee – A seasonal Civil Service employee is needed. There is a budget of approximately \$18,000 for the vacancy. Jon expects the position to be four(4) hours a day, five(5) days a week but there is some flexibility. The County keeps an ongoing eligible list TCSWCD is able to pull from. Jon will start the hiring process. Jon also requested the Board members participate in the interviews.

Aaron & Ivan Ristow departed the meeting at 4:44pm.

- Environmental Protection Fund - With the increase in funding for 2017, the need for identifying applicable projects and/or additional staff was reiterated. Jon passed out a breakdown of the funding budget from New York State.
- Update on Newfield Flooding Meeting with Congressman Reed and Senator O'Mara – The meeting was called to address the numerous complaints from landowners, mainly in the floodplain, who are frustrated with the process of repairing damage and/or erosion issues due to flooding. Jon will create a flowchart/guide of the steps to properly address and remediate various issues due to flooding. The District will also assist in guiding the Town of Newfield in creating a new Watershed Committee.

Announcements/Meetings:

Jon encouraged participation in two(2) upcoming meetings which qualify as Performance Measure Meetings for NYS funding.

The Tire Collection Event has been confirmed and is scheduled for April 23rd at the Lansing Town Barns. Kym distributed flyers to each BOD member for their information and/or distribution in their towns. Jon encouraged the Board to participate at the event.

Jon distributed a new flyer from New York State announcing the New York Certified Program. It is a new initiative and more information will be available as the program is unveiled.

A. Teeter moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:11pm. Seconded by D. McKenna. Carried.

Next meeting date: May 9, 2016, at 3:30pm.

The Board of Directors and the Staff of Tompkins County Soil and Water Conservation District sends its condolences and well wishes to the family of Ronald V. Updike who recently passed away. Ron served as the Chair of the Board for the District for 26 years and was devoted to its mission and to those he served. His contributions to the District are immeasurable. Ron gave everyone so much to remember and miss.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kym Jackson, Secretary

Dan Carey, Chair